# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR WELFARE RESEARCH AND STATISTICS (NAWRS)



44th Annual Workshop

Welfare Reform Reauthorization: The Sooner the Better

August 22-25, 2004

Renaissance Oklahoma City **Convention Center Hotel** and Cox Business Center Oklahoma City, OK

Co-Hosted by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services

### **About the Workshop**

Join us for the 44<sup>th</sup> annual NAWRS workshop in Oklahoma City. States await welfare reform reauthorization, and many states continue to experience budget pressures. Services to populations in need are often vulnerable to budgetary shortages. In an environment of diminishing resources, human service agencies must balance priorities and determine which programs are most effective and efficient. Looking forward to reauthorization and responding to these challenging times with human services research will be the focus of this year's workshop.

Attendees of the Annual Workshop will stay at the Renaissance Hotel in Oklahoma City. The hotel is adjacent to the Cox Business Center, the site of the 2004 NAWRS Annual Workshop. Located just steps from the hotel is Bricktown, the historic district containing several dining and entertainment venues.

#### Why Attend?

- Keep abreast of the latest research findings and learn about state-of-the-art research methods.
- Discuss new policies affecting human services programs.
- Share your research findings and expertise with others.
- Establish and renew professional relationships.

### **Program Highlights**

**MONDAY** Oh. What A Beautiful Mornin' - The Current Environment for Welfare Research Don Winstead, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Services Policy, USDHHS

James Ziliak, Director, University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research

**TUESDAY** People Will Say We're In Love - Two Panel Discussions on Healthy Marriage Policies

Organized and Moderated by Mary Myrick, Project Manager, Oklahoma Marriage Initiative and Brendan Kelly, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, ACF, USDHHS

WEDNESDAY Out of My Dreams - A Panel Presentation by the Congressional Research Service

## **Preliminary Conference Agenda**

Check www.nawrs.org for program updates.

### 2004 NAWRS Workshop August 22-25 Oklahoma City, OK

Registration

Plenary Session

**Concurrent Sessions** 

<i>,,</i> 3	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Reception	
Monday, August 23	7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Vendor Exposition	
	7:30 a.m 5:00 p.m.	Registration	
	7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast / Networking	
	8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Opening Session and Keynote	
	9:45 - 11:45 a.m.	Plenary Session	
	11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Lunch with Speaker	
	1:45 – 3:15 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions	
	3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions	
Tuesday, August 24	7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Vendor Exposition	
	7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast / Networking	
	8:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Plenary Session	
	10:15 - 11:45 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions	
	11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Lunch with Speaker	

6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Special Event at the

National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum

**Wednesday, August 25** 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Plenary Session Concurrent Sessions

1:45 – 3:15 p.m.

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

1:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 22

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Closing Lunch

#### **TENTATIVE CONCURRENT SESSION TOPICS**

TANF and WIA Reauthorization Marriage Initiatives Sanctions and Time Limits

Employment/Job Retention and Advancement/Work Supports

Child Welfare

Child Support Enforcement

Child Care

Health Care and Medicaid

Food Stamps and Food Insecurity

Homelessness and Housing Issues

Hard to Serve Populations/Barriers to Employment

Faith-Based Initiatives

Prisoner Re-Entry and Human Services

Poverty Research and its Relationship to Human Services Reforms
Research and Data Collection/Evaluation Strategies and Methodologies
Data Reporting and Performance Measurement

### **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM**

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The NAWRS 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop will be held at:

The Renaisssance Oklahoma City Convention Center Hotel
10 North Broadway
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102
Telephone: (405) 228-8000
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\*\*\*When registering, please request the special rate for NAWRS 44th Annual Workshop\*\*\*

A limited number of rooms has been reserved at a special workshop single rate of \$80.00, double rate of \$80.00, triple rate of \$90.00, and quad rate of \$100.00 per night (plus a room tax that currently is 10.375%). This special rate will also apply for up to three days before and three days after the NAWRS 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop - so arrive early or stay after the Workshop.

You are urged to make your reservations early, **but no later than July 22, 2004**. To obtain the special rate, call the Renaissance Hotel at **(405) 228-8000**. Be sure to tell the operator that you will be attending the NAWRS 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop.

You will be required to secure your room with a charge card in order to hold your reservation. The Renaissance Hotel will allow you to secure your room at the time you telephone them using a valid Visa, Master Card, Discover Card, or American Express credit card number and expiration date.

If there is a need to cancel your reservation, you must contact the Renaissance Hotel at least 48 hours prior to your arrival time. The hotel operator will give you a cancellation number.

Check in time is 3:00 p.m. on the date of your arrival. Check out time is 11:00 a.m.

Again, please note - The deadline for the special rate is July 22, 2004.

The room rate will increase after that date.

We do not anticipate any difficulties with the staff of this fine hotel. However, as an added measure, if you do experience any problems with hotel reservations, please call Kenneth Kickham at (405) 521-4551.